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MINNESOTA SPRING WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 14 PERCENT FROM 2009

Based on July 1 conditions, the Minnesota **SPRING WHEAT** crop is forecast at 94.1 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The yield forecast of 57 bushels per acre, is up 4 bushels per acre from last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 1.65 million acres, 100,000 acres more than 2009.

BARLEY production is forecast at 3.99 million bushels, down 18 percent from 2009. The yield is forecast at 57 bushels per acre, down 7 percent from 2009. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 70,000 acres, compared to 80,000 acres a year ago.

OAT production is forecast at 10.4 million bushels, down 14 percent from 2009. The yield is forecast at 69 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 150,000 acres, down 12 percent from 2009.

FALL POTATO acres planted totaled 43,000 acres. Acres estimated to be harvested totaled 40,000 acres. The planted level is down 9 percent and the harvested level is down 11 percent from 2009. Acreage planted by type of potato consists of 69 percent Russets, 21 percent Reds, 9 percent Whites, and 1 percent Yellows.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Winter Wheat Production Up 2 Percent From June

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but down 1 percent from 2009. The United States yield is forecast at 46.9 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and up 2.7 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be tied for the third highest yield on record, trailing only 1999 and 2008. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 32.1 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2010 but down 7 percent from last year.

Hard Red Winter, at 1.01 billion bushels, is up 3 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 268 million bushels, is down 6 percent from the previous forecast. White Winter is up 3 percent from last month and now totals 226 million bushels. Of this total, 17.8 million bushels are Hard White and 208 million bushels are Soft White.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 607 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third largest production on record. The expected area to be harvested for grain totals 13.6 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2010 but up 5 percent from last year. The United States yield is forecast at 44.6 bushels per acre, 0.5 bushel below 2009. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, trailing only last year. Of the total production, 567 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, up 3 percent from last year.

MINNESOTA & U.S. SMALL GRAIN HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION, 2009 AND FORECASTED JULY 1, 2010

COMMODITY	2009 HARVESTED ACRES	2010 HARVESTED ACRES	2009 YIELD	2010 YIELD	2009 PRODUCTION	2010 PRODUCTION
-1,000 ACRES-			-BUSHELLS-		-1,000 BUSHELLS-	
MINNESOTA						
SPRING WHEAT	1,550	1,650	53.0	57.0	82,150	94,050
BARLEY	80	70	61.0	57.0	4,880	3,990
OATS	170	150	71.0	69.0	12,070	10,350
FALL POTATO ^{1,2}	43	40	460		20,700	
UNITED STATES						
SPRING WHEAT	12,955	13,590	45.1	44.6	584,411	606,755
DURUM WHEAT	2,428	2,588	44.9	40.0	109,042	103,513
WINTER WHEAT	34,485	32,085	44.2	46.9	1,522,718	1,505,493
BARLEY	3,113	2,546	73.0	71.6	227,323	182,192
OATS	1,379	1,315	67.5	66.7	93,081	87,726
FALL POTATO ^{1,2}	1,044.7	1,010.4	413		431,478	

¹ Yield in Cwt & Production in 1,000 Cwt.

² The forecast of fall potato production will be published in the November "Crop Production."